

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 18, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Present: Mayor: Marty Schneider; Council: Tim Hultmann, Michelle Jerde, Jahn Dyvik,

and Tom Skjaret

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Consulting Planner: PeggySue Imihy; Fire

Chief: James VanEyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS - LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mayor Schneider offered the following comments and updates:

Mayor Schneider started by saying he has had a wonderful four years in office, and shared that he has a very deep sense of gratitude to the community for letting him take part in the city's leadership.

The Mayor reported that former Council member, Kurt Kaminski, recently passed away at 57 years of age. Services will be at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound on Thursday, December 27, and the obituary will be in the newspaper this upcoming Sunday. He shared condolences and prayers with members of the family. Kurt was involved in the Orono Lions Club and had been a part of the City Council through a lot of the CSAH 112 planning stages. He will be dearly missed.

Mayor Schneider thanked his friends and family members for being in attendance at his last meeting as Mayor. He recalled that his wife, Janet Schaefer, had been Mayor from 2000 through 2004 during the time when City Hall, Fire Stations, and Public Works facilities were constructed; and as the bypass project was underway.

He reflected upon his last four years in office, stating that accomplishments during his tenure had been the result of the collected effort. Highlights during his time in office included the opening of Birch's at the former vacant Billy's Lighthouse property; SourceGroup and Align moving into the empty former Lakeside Wine & Spirits building; the EDA is currently in negotiations to purchase the former BP site; with this evening's action, the Council will be approving a 0% tax levy increase for the fourth year in a row; new playground equipment has been installed; road improvements have occurred through the reconstruction of Watertown Road and the County Road 112 road reconstruction project; an ordinance was passed to adopt limits on where registered sex offenders can reside; unlicensed massage parlors are now regulated; a disc golf course was installed at Nelson Lakeside Park courtesy of the Orono Lions; use of Holbrook Park by Orono Baseball Association has been improved; the contract for Police services with Wayzata Police was extended for another 10 years; the Brown Road bridge was dedicated to honor Officer Bill Mathews who tragically passed away; local community events including Buckhorn Days, Corn Days, the Snowball Open, and Birch's

FallFest have thrived through the work of businesses as well as organizations including Orono Lions, Orono Rotary, the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, the Long Lake Waters Association, and Long Lake Rowing Crew. With a big focus having been on the CSAH 112 project for some time, Mayor Schneider commented that it will be time for the Council ahead to focus on the community to include neighborhood roads in need of repair. Mayor Schneider added that the City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board, EDA, City Hall staff, Public Works staff, and public safety staff answered the call during his tenure with throughful dedication and commitment during some trying times. For him, serving the community had been a privilege and an honor, and he hopes he is leaving with more humility and as a caring person.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Schneider pointed out that the agenda had been amended to add two items – Authorization to HCSO Water Patrol for Permit Issuance for Birch's on the Lake "Sled Dog Sundays", and Adoption of Resolution Requesting Extension to Deadline for Submittal of 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Jerde, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 4, 2018 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of December 4, 2018 City Council Work Session
- C. Receive Minutes of November 20, 2018 EDA Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-46 Approving Issuance of an Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Lakeside Wine & Spirits, Inc. Doing Business as Lakeside Wine & Spirits at 1916 W Wayzata Boulevard (New Ownership)
- F. Establish Thursday, April 19, 2018 From 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm as the Date and Time for the 2018 Open Book Meeting
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-47 Appointing (Reappointing) Planning Commission Members
- H. Approve Ordinance No. 2018-03 Adopting the 2019 Fee Schedule for the City of Long Lake

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one appeared to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

Mayor Schneider invited Council member Hultmann to share any comments he may wish after his many years of service.

Council member Hultmann began with his traditional message to "shop local". He noted that he has been around City government since 1998, and he and former Mayor Janet Schaefer had both participated in the subcommittee for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update. At that time the group had envisioned larger development moving into the downtown area. Subsequently he had been elected to Council for six years, Mayor for four years, and served on the Planning Commission as well. He reflected that working with City staff, Councils and Mayors, and Police Departments during his service has been a great experience, and serving the community has been a pleasure.

Mayor Schneider noted that when he was running for Council and Mayor, Council member Hultmann had been very helpful in getting him up to speed as well.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Recognition Presentation by Mayor Schneider

Announcing Winners of the 2nd Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Mayor Schneider officially announced the winners of this year's 2nd Annual Long Lake Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Winners by entry categories are:

<u>CLARK GRISWOLD CATEGORY</u> (excessive use of outdoor lighting, funny elements) 1st Place Winner -- The Ostvolden Family

<u>WINDOW DISPLAYS CATEGORY</u> (indoor displays visible from street) 1st Place Winner -- James Benson

<u>CHARLIE BROWN CATEGORY</u> (decorations on a dog house, tool shed, barn ... anything but your home)

1st Place Winner -- Bryan Miller

NOSTALGIC CATEGORY (old fashioned, reminiscent of childhood)
1st Place Winner -- Long Lake Assisted Living

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CATEGORY

1st Place Winner -- The Adams Family

Mayor Schneider thanked the winners for their participation.

Recognition of April Wysocki

Mayor Schneider presented long time local business owner and Chamber of Commerce advocate, April Wysocki, with a Certificate of Appreciation that read as follows:

This Certificate of Appreciation is presented to APRIL WYSOCKI

with sincere gratitude for her longstanding engagement as a member of the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; and for her volunteerism and leadership while planning and contributing to local community events. During her many years as a Long Lake business owner, her continuing passion for advocating for the Long Lake business community has been an inspiration.

Mayor Schneider highlighted Ms. Wysocki's efforts articulating concerns of interest to the business community regarding the CSAH 112 reconstruction project to the Council, noting that changes had been made as a result of her advocacy including maintaining two-way traffic access as often as possible for the duration of project construction. She also took the leadership of organizing Buckhorn Days in 2018, and has continued to be an active force in the Chamber of Commerce.

Proclamation Recognizing City Clerk Jeanette Moeller

Mayor Schneider had one final recognition presentation to make which he had kept as a secret until the meeting. He surprised City Clerk Jeanette Moeller with his first Proclamation in office, which read as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in sincere appreciation and recognition for 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Long Lake, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, in recognition for Jeanette Moeller's commitment to our

local community's past, present and future.

WHERAS, our City Council's sincerest expression of gratitude for her exceptional level of dedicated service to our citizens, business owners and area community.

All with a warm smile and cheerful spirit.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTY SCHNEIDER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONG LAKE, do hereby proclaim December 18, 2018 to be JEANETTE MOELLER DAY in Long Lake and urge all to recognize her many contributions to our city.

City Clerk Moeller was greatly surprised and deeply touched by the unexpected honor.

Appointment of New Firefighters to the Long Lake Fire Department

Fire Chief Van Eyll stated that with an application process and interview having been completed, it is the recommendation of staff that conditional job offers for the position of paid on call firefighter be made to applicants Jesse Grothe and Dylan Aretz. The conditions of the offer are that each new firefighter passes a physical exam, physiological exam, agility test and probationary period. The interview panel consisted of a Fire Lieutenants, District Captain and Assistant Chief. Both candidates would be responding to Station 2.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Hultmann, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-45 conditionally appointing the following candidates to the position of paid on-call firefighter for the City of Long Lake Fire Department: Jesse Grothe and Dylan Aretz.

Mayor Schneider thanked the candidates and their families for their commitment to the Fire Department.

Ayes: all.

Authorization to HCSO Water Patrol for Permit Issuance — Birch's on the Lake, "Sled Dog Sundays"

City Clerk Moeller reported that in mid-November, Birch's on the Lake made an application to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Water Patrol for a Special Event Permit to utilize Long Lake to host "Sled Dog Sundays" through the months of January and February. On Monday, December 17, City staff was contacted by a Birch's event coordinator who requested that the December 18 Council agenda be amended to include their request for permit authorization if possible.

Staff requested and received copies of Birch's HCSO Water Patrol permit application along with a detailed narrative describing the event. Moeller referred to the event details provided in the bench handout for Council members.

As part of their permit process, HCSO Water Patrol requires that the cities bordering the impacted lake give their authorization for Special Event Permit issuance. Staff recommends the City Council authorize the HCSO Water Patrol unit to issue a Special Event Permit for Birch's use of Long Lake to host "Sled Dog Sundays" as requested, subject to the conditions that Birch's on the Lake will be required to post "no event parking" temporary signage in the Glenmoor Lane residential neighborhood in advance of each Sled Dog Sunday date; and that Birch's on the Lake will utilize an off-site parking location at 970 W Wayzata Boulevard for overflow parking needs.

Nanci Anderson, Birch's on the Lake, was present to answer questions regarding how many participants could be expected to be on the ice during the Sled Dog Sundays events.

Mayor Schneider noted that while the HCSO Water Patrol permit application had been filed with their office in a timely manner, submission for City Hall approval had been missed. He indicated the

Council would hope that going forward, submittals would be made in a more timely manner respectful of the process.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol unit to issue a Special Event Permit to Birch's on the Lake for use of Long Lake as stated in their permit application dated November 12, 2018, contingent upon the applicant meeting all conditions of permit issuance imposed by the issuing agency, and including the following conditions:

Birch's on the Lake is required to post "no event parking" temporary signage in the Glenmoor Lane residential neighborhood in advance of each Sled Dog Sunday date.

Birch's on the Lake will utilize an off-site parking location at 970 W Wayzata Boulevard for overflow parking needs.

Council member Dyvik questioned whether Birch's had submitted their Water Patrol permit request to Orono for their approval as well.

Moeller noted that they had not, although for events to be located at Birch's, Orono has typically been satisfied with the City of Long Lake taking formal action on the permit requests.

Mayor Schneider advised Birch's event organizers to always check in with City staff in a timely manner prior to planning an event.

Ayes: all.

Planning Case #2018-05 / Request for a Variance to the Required Front Yard Setback of 35 Feet to Allow for Parking at 2069 W Wayzata Boulevard; Request for a Variance to Increase the Allowed Amount of Off-Site Parking Spaces Within 300 feet to 68% Where 50% is Allowed; Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow for Off-Site Parking Within 300 Feet of 2069 W Wayzata Boulevard (Applicant: Neil Heinen)

Consulting planner PeggySue Imihy, WSB & Associates, explained that applicant Neil Heinen has made three requests to permit use of the property located at 2069 W Wayzata Boulevard as the site for a Carbone's Pizza restaurant - a request for a variance to the required front yard setback of 35 feet, a variance to increase the allowed amount of off-site parking to 68% where 50% is allowed and a request for a conditional use permit to allow for off-site parking within 300 feet of the subject property. If these three requests are granted, the restaurant will be able to meet the required number of parking spaces for a restaurant use in the B-2A zoning district.

Imihy displayed exhibits showing the location of the site, presented the site plan, and depicted how the applicant would propose to landscape and renovate the existing building. Overall the site design is quite nice. The intent would be to seat about 88 restaurant patrons, which would require 44 parking stalls. The unique configuration of the site allows for a maximum of 14 spaces, and the applicant proposes to utilize 30 additional spaces at the adjacent property located at One Premier Drive. The adjacent property referred to is less than 300 feet away from the potential restaurant site, has plentiful parking, and staff does believe this arrangement would provide a good location for the required additional parking to be met. Imihy also highlighted elevations showing a neutral and clean look for the building. Staff is recommending approval of the requested applications subject to conditions outlined in Council member meeting packets. The Planning Commission reviewed the applications at their December 11, 2018 meeting and also recommended the City Council approve the requests.

Imihy clarified that the applicant's parking needs would not be met using on-street parking, but rather by entering into a long-term lease with the adjacent property owner to meet their parking requirements.

Council member Skjaret noted that although that area of Premier Drive is a very little used road, it may be worth giving consideration to installing signage and marking pedestrian crossways for the safety of restaurant patrons and employees who will be crossing the road.

Applicant Neil Heinen spoke to his proposed project, discussing their intent in future to apply for a liquor license to permit a full bar; possibly making an additional land use application in future for a variance to permit outdoor seating; significant project landscaping; their negotiations with the new owners of the former Premier Technologies building to prepare a lease agreement for long term parking use; the intent of their design plan to try to use the site and space as efficiently as possible; and providing information about the local history and business model of Carbone's Pizza.

Council members Jerde and Skjaret both commented favorably on the intended appearance of the building and site.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-52 **approving** the requested variances and conditional use permit subject to the conditions contained in the resolution, including the following condition:

 A properly drawn legal document, executed by the parties concerned for joint use of offstreet parking facilities, duly approved as to form and manner of execution by the City Attorney, shall be filed with the City Clerk and recorded with the Register of Deeds, Hennepin County.

Ayes: all.

Final 2019 Payable Levy and 2019 Budget – Adoption of Final Payable 2019 Levy, City Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and Pay Plan Resolutions

Weske stated that at the Council's last meeting, staff had presented final levy and budget recommendations in detail for the Council and for public comment. The proposed 2019 final operating levy of \$959,748 coupled with a required debt service levy of \$104,831 produces a total final levy of \$1,064,579, representing a \$0 or 0% increase compared to the adopted total 2018 payable levy of the same. The increase of \$0, accompanied by a 3.33% increase in the City's gross tax capacity, will result in a -0.92% decrease of the local City tax rate for 2019.

Weske referred to exhibits included in Council member meeting packets including a 2019 Budget Overview, which outlines the revenue budget of \$3,168,224 and a total expenditure budget of \$3,316,572 relating to all the funds for the 2019 budget year.

Weske reviewed the following General Fund budget factors:

- Regarding benefits, an 18% increase in employee health insurance premiums.
- 2019 contract police protection services from the City of Wayzata decrease \$700 to \$290,000.
- 2019 rate increases by line of coverage to include liability property, and workers' compensation an average increase of 4%.

The 2019 CIP, which totals \$446,000, includes replacement of the City Hall phone system, SCBAs for the fire department, a ¾ ton Public Works truck and plow, seal coating, a play structure at Dexter Park, and adding a Public Works bucket truck. Some items that may want to be discussed would be

funds to support the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed, banners for downtown, and a color printer/copier. Weske noted that Public Works will be evaluating how to handle lawn mowing in the future. It is possible that staff may explore conducting lawn mowing in house rather than outsourcing. Related to this, there has been discussion of the potential of adding another full-time Public Works staff member as well.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-48 establishing the final tax levy collectible in 2019.

Council member Skjaret noted that at the end of September during preliminary levy adoption, he felt he did not express his lack of support for this budget clearly and stated his apologies. He commented that the City budget is the most important thing a Coucnil does. When he was on the Council last time, the Council held dedicated work sessions to talk about the City budget and capital budget so that by the time September came around, the budget proposed had the full support of the Council. For this budget cycle, there had been no budget work session held. He had requested one, and should have followed up on that. He explained that he could not support a budget that he has had no input into, and stated he believes that going four years without a levy increase represents poor governance. It had taken a previous Council a very long time to rebuild reserves during his last tenure on Council from a similar action. Small incremental additions to a budget is the wise and prudent thing to do. The Council cannot expect to improve streets and not increase its budget.

Council member Hultmann voiced agreement and support with Council member Skjaret's comments, and hopes the future Council understands the annual City budget cannot keep going in this fashion.

Mayor Schneider stated that a lot of work had gone into the thought process behind this year's budget on the part of himself, staff, and the City's accounting firm. Mayor Schneider reviewed the City's financial position comparing General Fund budgets and cash reserves over the last few years.

Aves: Hultmann, Jerde, Dyvik, Schneider. Nay: Skjaret. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-49 establishing the final 2019 total City budget.

Council member Hultmann asked the next Council to commit to reviewing road projects and considering how improvements will be made to Grand Avenue, Upper Lea Lane, and Lakeview Avenue. The City needs to invest in those roads to continue to have a livable, driveable community. He encouraged the future Council to think long term.

Mayor Schneider stated he respected Council member Hultmann's opinion, and noted that a full reconstruction of Watertown Road had been undertaken in 2016. Council member Hultmann pointed out that the Watertown Road project had taken place two years later than scheduled, and Grand Avenue was initially scheduled for 2018. Mayor Schneider noted that the City had incurred exceptional expenses beginning in 2017 in relation to the CSAH 112 project, but looking into the future, the City can focus on road improvements mentioned.

Ayes: Hultmann, Jerde, Dyvik, Schneider. Nay: Skjaret. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-50 establishing the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ayes: Hultmann, Jerde, Dyvik, Schneider. Nay: Skjaret. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-51 establishing the 2019 Pay Plan. Ayes: Hultmann, Jerde, Dyvik, Schneider. Nay: Skjaret. Motion carried.

Mayor's Review of City Goals and Looking Ahead

Mayor Schneider recalled that two years ago, a special work session meeting had been held to try and establish a list of City goals. The resulting list of goals had been published on the City's website. Mayor Schneider provided a detailed review of progress on the goal categories and goal items as posted, highlighting achievements and areas where work is or will be underway. He noted he would expect the new Council will look at the list of goals and establish their own goals list for the years ahead.

Council member Skjaret shared that he thought it had been an excellent idea by Council member Jerde to post the goals list on the website, noting that in review, the Council had achieved and touched on many of them. He is looking forward to the new Council establishing a refreshed set of goals to hold themselves to.

Update Regarding Surface Water Management Plan; Adoption of Resolution Requesting Extension to Deadline for Submittal of 2040 Comprehensive Plan; Update Regarding 2040 Comprehensive Plan Changes and Submission to Metropolitan Council

Mayor Schneider recalled that the Council had approved the 2040 Comprehensive Plan draft for submission to Metropolitan Council two weeks ago; however, since that time, the MCWD had informed the City that the water supply plans included with the submission were not adequate to meet their requirements. Specifically, a state statute adopted in 2015 now requires a certain water management plan document of cities. The MCWD has advised the City to consider requesting an extension to the deadline for submission of its 2040 Comprehensive Plan to Metropolitan Council in order to provide time for the necessary plan to be adopted for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan submittal package. In speaking with both the MCWD and Metropolitan Council, Mayor Schneider had learned a number of other communities such as Independence, Maple Plain and Wayzata were similarly affected by this plan requirement and were not yet in compliance as well. Due in part to this new requirement, Metropolitan Council had a meeting in November and had established a special extension where a community can request a six-month extension to the deadline for submission of its Comprehensive Plan. Although the current plan could be submitted as is, it would be returned with a review request. Staff had reached out to WSB & Associates regarding the water management plan requirement, and had been advised that they had actually already begun preparing the necessary document(s) back in 2015 and 2016. WSB & Associates has provided a quote for the remainder of the project work necessary to complete the water management plan requirement.

Council and staff discussed the nature of the new plan and how it would differ, or be similar to, existing water supply plans already in place. Staff explained that the plan requires inclusion of detailed hydrology data which does necessitate the involvement of the City's consulting engineers to prepare.

Mayor Schneider noted that the resolution requesting the extension included with Council member bench handout information follows a format provided by Metropolitan Council.

A motion was made by Jerde, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-53 requesting additional time within which to complete the City's Comprehensive Plan "decennial" review and update on obligations for submission to Metropolitan Council. Ayes: all.

Update Regarding Wayzata Boulevard Phase 1 Landscaping Project Contract Negotiations

Council member Dyvik indicated that at the Council's last meeting, action had been taken to move forward with negotiating a contract for completion of the subject landscaping project with both Hoffman & McNamara and Otten Bros. The intent was for proposals to be submitted by Thursday, December 13; however, as the project manual update took longer than expected, the contractors were given a deadline of December 20 to submit their proposals. Since that time, calls were received from Otten Bros. who had determined they would not be submitting a quote after all. Their decision was based upon the nuances of navigating the state aid requirements of the project. It is anticpated that Hoffman & McNamara will be submitting a quote by the December 20 deadline.

Weske noted that this information was provided as an update only, and an action item would be prepared for consideration at the Council's next meeting.

Wayzata Boulevard W Reconstruction and Landscaping Project Updates

Council member Dyvik stated that the CR 112 Landscaping Subcommittee has not met recently. During the EDA meeting prior to the Council meeting, Council member Dyvik had reported that a designer has just submitted a first draft of banner designs for a spring/summer line, and he will be circulating designs to subcommittee members to work towards achieving a final design. The current seasonal banners and lighting in the corridor look great, and Council member Dyvik thanked Public Works for their efforts in overseeing the installation. He also had spoken with Orono Public Works regarding the lit snowflake decorations they had hung on the Orono side of Wayzata Boulevard W from Brown Road to Willow Drive. They had advised they will be ordering or deciding upon future holiday decorations in the spring, and they are open to having some sort of discussion regarding the potential for a common design for holiday décor in that area of the corridor.

Council member Dyvik also presented a Powerpoint to share his comments regarding the aesthetics of the corridor, specifically relating to what may appear to be an overabundance of signage along Wayzata Boulevard W. A number of images showing plentiful signage were depicted in his presentation. Council member Hultmann suggested inviting a representative from Hennepin County to explain and respond to questions regarding the abundant signage. Council and staff discussed the amount and location of signs, and were supportive of an opportunity to review the matter further with County staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

Closing Comments

Council member Hultmann stated again that it has been a pleasure being on the Council, noting that all the Councils he's worked with over the years have been great, and members have agreed to disagree. He continued his message of "shop local", as it is very important. Looking ahead, he is happy to see that the City may be doing something with the former BP station site. It is nice to know that the owners of the former Burger King are now willing to sell the property. He also looking forward to seeing development occur at Virginia Avenue and along Symes Street, recalling that as the City lost housing units to the highway bypass project, additional housing units are needed. He closed with his thanks to everyone.

Council member Jerde indicated Council member Hultmann would be missed on the Council. She also wished everyone a happy holiday, and noted that Kurt Kaminski would also be sincerely missed.

Council member Dyvik thanked Council member Hultmann for his service on the Council and for his wisdom. He also thanked Mayor Schneider for his service, and noted that he hopes they will continue to interact in the future. He is looking forward to working with Mayor-elect Miner and Council member-elect Kvale as the new Council is seated.

Council member Skjaret stated that at the end of this month he will have had the pleasure of serving the community as either a Planning Commission member or a Council member for a total of 10 years. He has served with Council member Hultmann on either board for nearly that entire time. He shared that Hultmann has been his mentor, his friend, has reached out to him when he has been homebound, and has been a voice of reason that has calmed down more heated conversations over the years. He thanked him for his friendship and his help. To Mayor Schneider, he noted they had experienced a lot of fun, and he appreciated being able to reach agreement with open and honest discussion.

Weske thanked Mayor Schneider and Council member Hultmann for their service. He also encouraged everyone to be safe and careful on the ice.

Moeller wished everyone a merry Christmas and looked forward to continuing to work with Mayor Schneider and Council member Hultmann in the future. She also thanked Mayor Schneider and the Council for her surprise recognition.

Mayor Schneider echoed everyone's thanks and gratitude, stating it has been an honor working with everyone. He agreed with Council member Skjaret that one of the things he's appreciated has been that while Council members might have some disagreements, they can see each other at events and be able to interact. He knows not all Councils function similarly. The fact that this Council can disagree or agree while having the best interest of the community in mind is what matters – that's what democracy. He closed in saying he is leaving with the best of thoughts and a true sense of pride for being able to serve as Mayor.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hultmann, seconded by Jerde, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller City Clerk